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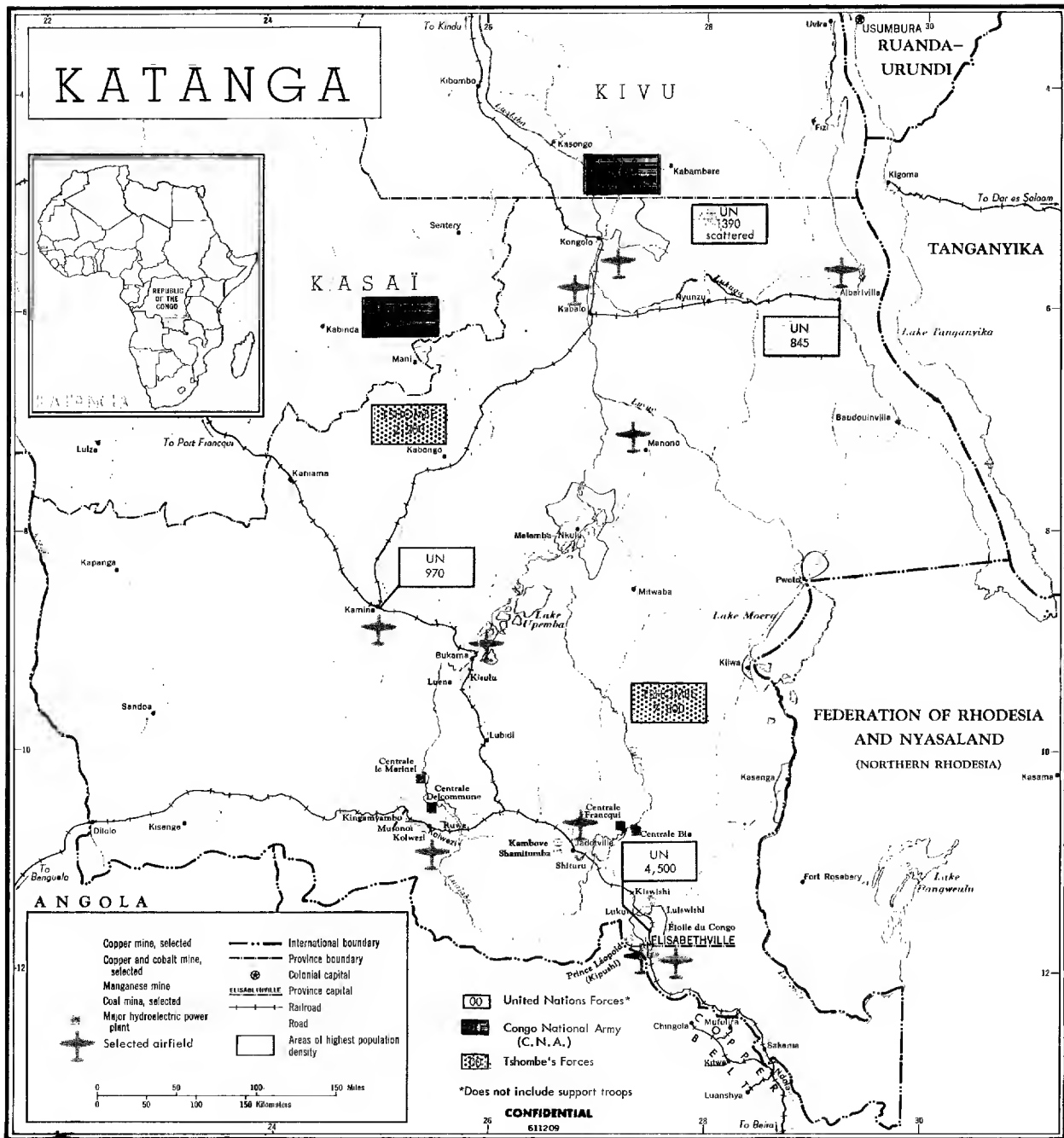
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*Congo: UN officials in Elisabethville say they are "going slowly" in their military action pending further reinforcement. UN forces at the airport, however, were under pressure from Katangan troops on 8 December, as were UN forces along the road from Elisabethville to the airport. Fighting within the city was sporadic; many Western diplomats believe that if the UN continues its present tactics of "destroying" houses suspected of containing belligerents, there will be large-scale civilian casualties. UN troop totals in Elisabethville reached 4,500 on 8 December.

UN representative Urquhart stated on 7 December that the UN Command hoped to disarm Katangan forces in Elisabethville within two days. He indicated that after securing Elisabethville the UN would turn its attention to Jadotville and Kolwezi. Such a timetable appears overoptimistic.

The UN Command has warned the Union Miniere mining combine that unless it denies its communications facilities to Tshombé's forces, such installations will be attacked as military targets. A Union Miniere official has contended that such facilities are not at the disposal of Katangan forces, but that on occasion they have been commandeered at gunpoint. Western consuls plan to remind UN officials that attacks on Union Miniere installations could disrupt railroads, telecommunications, and water power over a large part of Katanga.

The UN Command in Elisabethville reportedly has begun to broadcast over the same frequency as Radio Elisabethville in an effort to counter Katangan propaganda. UN representative Linner in Leopoldville has ordered that Radio Elisabethville be

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put off the air, on the grounds that it is inciting the local population. The radio station was the scene of some of the heaviest fighting last September. [redacted] (Map)

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25X1 [redacted] *Indonesia: In discussing the West New Guinea dispute with the American ambassador on 8 December, President Sukarno strongly implied his intention to use force at an early date to acquire the area. Sukarno commented that force is the only language the Dutch understand. He said that unless administration of New Guinea is transferred to Indonesia either directly or under UN auspices, his only alternative will be military action. Ambassador Jones feels that Sukarno was not exaggerating his intentions and that he may order some form of military action aimed at either outright conquest or the creation of a situation which would force international action to restore peace and thereby advance world recognition of Indonesia's claim. Sukarno has summoned Indonesian service chiefs to discuss the New Guinea situation in a meeting on 11 December which may be decisive in Indonesian planning.

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25X1 [redacted] Berlin: Ulbricht, in a television interview taped on 6 December for showing in the United States on 4 January, said that conditions for entry into East Berlin would "soon" be "normalized" to require passports with visas at the sector border, which he characterized as "the GDR's state frontier." This would be designed to confront West Berliners and the NATO countries, including West Germany, with the choice of not entering East Berlin, or obtaining East German visas-- tantamount to de facto recognition of the GDR.

[redacted] Ulbricht was deliberately evasive, however, on the subject of Allied military entry to East Berlin. He said this question would not arise since there would be "no place" for Allied

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_____ military personnel in East Berlin--presumably a reference to the Communist position that signature of a peace treaty will terminate all Western rights. Recent construction at the Friedrichstrasse crossing point increases the ability of the East Germans to bar entrance at any time. In the case of the West Germans, Ulbricht knows that Bonn now would be reluctant to counter such a move by terminating the inter-zonal trade agreement, as Bonn did under similar circumstances in the fall of 1960. _____

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***Brazil:** Public protest is mounting in northeastern Brazil over a parliamentary threat to emasculate the proposed \$900,000,000 "SUDENE" plan, drafted during the Kubitschek administration, for rehabilitation of the economically depressed area. Senate-approved amendments, not yet passed by the lower chamber, create major obstacles for resettlement and drought relief phases of the plan and will have the effect of reopening the door for graft. Demonstrations on 6 December resulted in injuries to 10 people. Miguel Arraes, pro-Communist mayor of Recife and leading candidate for governor of Pernambuco, the most important northeastern state, appears to be profiting politically from the protest, which is backed by students, labor unions, civic organizations, and the press throughout the northeast. 25X1

Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland: Order was restored by troops and police reserves in Salisbury yesterday, after extensive rioting. *As a precaution army reserves have been called up. The riots arose out of African demonstrations against a new constitution for the colony of Southern Rhodesia. The new constitution admits Africans to the legislature for the first time, limiting them to 15 of the 65 seats. Africans charge its real purpose is to perpetuate the hegemony of the colony's white minority of 225,000. The demonstrations were called by the National Democratic party (NDP), which, after a period of indecision earlier this year, seems to have decided that pressure in the form of civil disobedience is the only way to effect further change. The government of Prime Minister Whitehead has repeatedly stated its intention to keep the security situation under control while simultaneously removing many social and economic irritants. Further clashes between NDP activists and Southern Rhodesian security forces are likely in the next few months. 25X1

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